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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
for Greg Wong, Office of Federal Transportation Program

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: SACOG 2001 FTIP Amendment 6

We have completed our review of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Amendment No. 6 to the 2001 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted with your letter dated August 21, 2001. SACOG's Amendment No. 6 makes various revisions to the State and Local Highways and Transit Elements.

The following modifications to the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), proposed in SACOG's amendment number 6, cannot be approved without a conformity determination:

SAC 15220 Elkhorn Boulevard Widening

CAL 17350 Route 70 Expressway

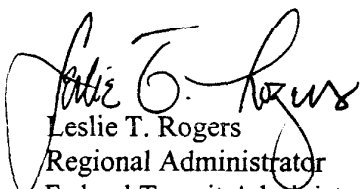
In addition, all SACOG FTIP programming shown beyond FFY 2003 is outside the triennial element of the current FSTIP and cannot be approved for FSTIP inclusion.

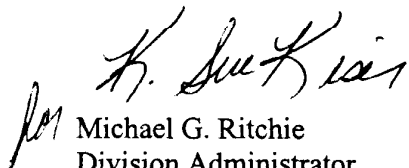
We accept the remaining modifications to Amendment No. 6 in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this SACOG amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134, 23 CFR 450, and section 49 USC 53 of the Federal Transit Act. Those remaining changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR § 93.126 and/or § 93.127] or were considered as part of the conformity analysis for the current plan and program. Therefore, we find this FTIP, excluding the above-mentioned projects, conforms to the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This finding has been coordinated with the Regional Offices of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of SACOG's FTIP Amendment No.6, excluding the above-mentioned projects, into California's 2001 FSTIP. Furthermore, this approval is made with the understanding that FTA funding approval on individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,


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